

HERITAGE

PARK & MUSEUMS

Dublin Heritage Park and Museums

At the Corner of Dublin Boulevard and Donlon Way
6600 Donlon Way, Dublin, CA 94568
(925) 452-2100

Hours

Park is open daily during daylight hours, 365 days per year

Murray Schoolhouse is open Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 1:00-4:00 PM

Open Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 PM

Closed on Monday and Friday

Kolb House is open selected Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00-4:00 PM, please call for details

Free admission

Plan Your Visit

Dublin's Heritage Park provides a picturesque environment to walk, relax, picnic, play, and explore Dublin's heritage. Historic buildings preserved within the park include the St. Raymond Church (1859), Murray School (1856), the Kolb family house (1911) barns, and outbuildings. The grounds include vegetable and flower beds reminiscent of those common in the Kolbs' day.

The Heritage Park is adjacent to Dublin's Pioneer Cemetery, which was established in 1859. A walk along the path in the shade of giant oak and walnut trees takes visitors back in time. Inscriptions on old tombstones and historical signs provide an easy history lesson.

Park restrooms are located in the Old House building. The park has picnic and game tables and an area for children's imaginative play behind the Sunday School Barn. The Sunday School Barn, St. Raymond Church, and the picnic tables are occasionally closed for private events.

Visit the Murray Schoolhouse, Museum of Local History

The historic Murray Schoolhouse is open for self-guided tours during regular museum hours. The permanent exhibit allows you to follow the journey settlers as they travel from Ireland, live in New York, cross the great plains, and arrive in Dublin in 1846.

Visit the Kolb House, Historic House Museum

This 1911 Craftsman bungalow was the home of the Kolb family who lived and farmed in Dublin from 1900-2006. The house contains original furniture, décor and personal items that reveal the everyday lives of a typical family farm. Room exhibits and hands-on activities change with the seasons to reflect the real lives of this Dublin area farming family.

Walking Tours

Grab a walking tour map for a self-guided tour of Heritage Park and nearby sites of historic interest. Maps are available at the Murray Schoolhouse and the Sunday School Barn.

Docent-Led Tours

Guided tours offer links and lessons to local and California history. Tours can be customized for your school, group, and club or corporate outing. Tours begin in St. Raymond Church with an orientation video, and proceed to the Murray Schoolhouse, the Dublin Pioneer Cemetery and the Kolb House. Additional activities—including tractor and wagon rides, gold panning, a cemetery scavenger hunt, and tea or lemonade served with cookies—can be arranged when you make your reservation. Basic tour fee is \$3.50 per person. Reservations are required. For tour reservations and the full menu of add-on activities and prices, call (925) 556-4501.



SPECIAL EXHIBIT

Farm-to-Table: Dublin's Farmers**Opens April 16, through July 31****Little Classroom**

Explore Dublin's farming past and the lives of farmers in this valley. This exhibit highlights the Kolb Family and how they interacted with other farmers and businesses in the region. The Kolbs would take cattle to Moller Ranch for butchering. Walnuts went to Travis Boone's place. Chicks and eggs were sent to Hayward and then off to foreign markets. Bushels of tomatoes were shared. Photos and personal documents help tell the story of how Dublin's farmers cooperated with kin and community.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Walking Tour**Saturday May 14, 10:00-11:30 AM****Sunday School Barn**

Explore Dublin's Historic District on this free, guided tour. The walk will start at the Sunday School Barn and take you through Dublin's history. Visit the location of Jose Maria Amador's rancho next to the fresh water "Alamilla Springs," the reason for settlement here. See Dublin's first public buildings, the 1856 Murray Schoolhouse, the 1859 St. Raymond Church, and the 1860 Green Store. The walk is moderate, on mostly flat terrain. Bring a water bottle and wear comfortable shoes.

2016, the Year of the Farm

Explore Dublin's farming past with a year of enriching programs at the Dublin Heritage Park & Museums. Plant and help tend a real Farm Yard! Tour historic farm buildings and have some hands-on fun doing old time chores. Discover what farmers of yesterday can teach us today about growing food, living skills and community.

Spring

Come for Dublin Pride! Help clear the land and prepare the soil for the Farm Yard. Return the next week to till the soil and plant the seeds at the annual Spring Fair. Children and families can "churn-and-learn" in the Dairy Pen making butter, whipped cream, and ice cream. Milk our "cow" Elsie. Bring your old costume jewelry and upcycle in the DIY Pen where tin cans will be turned into unique creations. Have lunch at the family-style Farm Tea Lunch in the Sunday School Barn. Learn how local farms produced beef, grains, tomatoes and roses at the Farm-to-Table exhibit in the Little Classroom of the Murray Schoolhouse, where we will raise the question: Could Kolb Farm chicks be the ancestors of Hawaii's famous wild chickens?

Summer

Kick-back with some Farm-to-Table fun for the whole family on warm, summer nights on the lawn in front of the Hay Barn. Bring a chair or a blanket and listen to (or join in) live Bluegrass and Irish Old Tyme Jams. Children's activities will be led in the Farm Yard. Take a peek inside the Kolb House windows to see what the Kolb's might be doing on a summer evening, mid-century. Gardeners, historians and interpreters will be on hand to guide and chat.

**Fall**

Visit the exhibit *Highway 21: Pleasanton to Danville* as it takes you along historic roadways, traveling past local farms, ranches, orchards and dairies. Learn how Dublin farmers contributed to national food production. Bring the family to the Harvest Fair where you can ride the wagon and take part in hands-on-history activities. Peek inside the Kolb House windows, and get a glimpse of fall. Help harvest the farm yard, and share in the bounty. Tour the cemetery and hear intriguing stories of old Dublin at our *Ghosts of Dublin* event in late October.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC JAMS

Musical Gatherings

Dublin welcomes both musicians and music fans to enjoy traditional music in our Murray Schoolhouse Little Classroom on Tuesday evenings. Enter through the Museum entrance. Admission is free, however donations are gladly accepted and help support the Dublin Heritage Park and Museums.

Bluegrass Jam**2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00-9:00 PM****Irish/Old-Tyme Music Jam****1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00-9:00 PM****Volunteer**

Help us share Dublin's history by volunteering at Dublin Heritage Park and Museums. Contact us to learn how you can lead site tours, assist with the park's numerous year-round events, work in the library, or perhaps even help in the gardens. With so many different volunteer opportunities, there's sure to be something of interest to you. For more information, call (925) 452-2100.

